

Filling a Vital Need for the Community

At the Sojourner House, we serve people that may not otherwise know where their next meal will come from or if they would have a roof over their head at night. We provide a safe place for guests to have a good meal, get some rest, and when they get up in the morning, have breakfast before they leave for the day. We also have trained staff that are available to help guests identify barriers and work together to overcome these barriers and achieve a more sustainable housing solution.

Owned and operated by Catholic Charities, the shelter relies heavily on support from individuals, local businesses, and churches of all denominations. Without community support, the shelter would be hard-pressed to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness in the community.

No Wrong Door Coordinated Entry Agencies are for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. We can help find housing and/or get connected to resources in the community.



Are you eligible? You might be eligible if your primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for people, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, campground OR living in an emergency or domestic violence shelter.

LOCATIONS

Eau Claire Office
318 Fulton St.
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715-832-6644

Sojourner House
Eau Claire Homeless Shelter
618 S. Barstow St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-514-5556

La Crosse Office
3710 East Ave. South
La Crosse, WI 54601
888-212-4357



Sojourner House



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a sojourner and you welcomed me."
Matthew 25:35



The Sojourner House provides a safe, clean and warm place for single men and women experiencing homelessness; affirms the Christ-like dignity in every individual through compassionate presence, listening and hospitality; and empowers people to rebuild their lives with the engagement of the greater community.

Catholic Charities Sojourner House provides:

- Overnight sleeping for adults, 18 and older; up to 38 men and 15 women
- Separate bathrooms and showers for men and women
- Guest laundry facilities
- Provides an evening meal and breakfast to our guests
- A professional and helpful staff
- A coordinated community effort to offer a place of welcome, acceptance, connection with local resources, and hope to those experiencing homelessness

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for you to help with at the Sojourner House. All volunteers must be 18 or older. Under the supervision of professional staff, volunteer roles and responsibilities include:

Evening Shift Hours: 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Check-In and Bed Assignments: Volunteers will hand out cards while a staff member does announcements. Guests will be let in via a random generator. Volunteers will ensure guest's items can fit flush in a bin, and then let 2 guests in at a time. For any guests who are new or returning after 30 days, they will be paired with a staff member to complete paperwork. **Training provided.**

Shower/Laundry Sign-Up: After guests enter the building, they have the option to sign-up to use showers and clean laundry. If they choose to use either, volunteers will write their names down and give them requested hygiene items.

Binroom: Volunteers will hand guests a bin which corresponds to their bed assignment. They will also hand guests a set of "pjs" for the night. All guest items must be put into bins and able to fit on a shelf. **Volunteers must be able to lift 25+ pounds for this position.**

Kitchen: Volunteers will assist by serving the evening meal to guests and helping with cleanup.

Meal Provider

Volunteers meet the need for a healthy, modest evening meal for 60 people. Meal to be prepared off-site. Food needs to be delivered to the Sojourner House by 6:30 pm.

Crowd Control: Volunteer will stand in the hall to ensure all guests are in scrubs, and the only items being brought past the hallway are those preapproved by Sojourner House staff.

Morning Shift Hours: 5:00 am – 9:00 am or 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Kitchen (5 am – 9 am): Volunteers will assist with serving breakfast and monitoring the kitchen/activity room in the morning while guests wake up.

Binroom: Volunteers will assist guests with retrieving their items when they are ready to leave in the morning. **Volunteers must be able to lift 25+ pounds for this position.**

Clean-up (8 am – 10 am): Volunteers will assist morning staff with cleaning up the shelter to prepare for the next day.



Visit our website at www.cclse.org to learn more about the Sojourner House, check out our wish list, volunteer, or donate online.

Donations may be mailed or dropped off:
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